Exclusion of creamy layer among the tribals for employment in Government

3465. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to exclude the creamy layer while employing tribals in Government jobs;

(b) if so, the category of jobs in which it would be applicable;

(c) the manner in which Government propose to assist first generation of educated tribals;

(d) whether Government have ever undertaken any studies of tribal employment-first generation-creamy layer; and

(e) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to exclude creamy layer amongst the Scheduled Tribes from the purview of reservation.

(c) There is a provision of reservation for Scheduled Tribes in the services/posts under the Government. Reservation for Scheduled Tribes candidates is also available in public sector undertakings, statutory, semi-Government and autonomous bodies and voluntary agencies receiving grants-in-aid from the Government. Under the existing reservation policy, relaxation in upper age limit by five years is permissible to scheduled tribes candidates in direct recruitment. Instructions also exist for relaxing the norms of selection for ST candidates in the matters of direct recruitment. The National Scheduled Tribe Financial Development Corporation extends financial assistance to eligible ST entrepreneurs for self employment venture (those whose family income is below double the poverty line).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

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3466. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: